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In re Application of: Arnold H. Brannick

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Examiner: Liou, Eric

Docket No.: BOC9-2003-0041 (411)

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Sir:

I, Arnold Brannick, a citizen of the United States, residing in Boca Raton, Florida, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I was employed by International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) of Armonk, New York at the time the above-identified application was conceived. I make this declaration in support the above-identified application.

2. IBM has invested substantial time and effort into the research, development, and marketing of their products, and in an effort to protect its rights in all new inventions, IBM requests that all employees prepare and submit confidential Invention Disclosure Forms upon conception by the inventor(s).

3. As a named co-inventor for this invention, I and my co-inventors prepared and submitted the attached Invention Disclosure No. BOC8-2003-0033 (hereinafter "Invention Disclosure") pursuant to IBM guidelines.

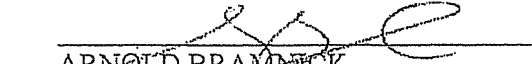
4. The Invention Disclosure was originally submitted for consideration to an IBM Attorney/Patent Professional for preparation of a patent application on February 17, 2003, and was insubstantially modified on February 18, 2003. The content of the Invention Disclosure has not been subsequently modified. The Invention Disclosure represents a fully conceived and workable invention as written. I reviewed the claims of the above-mentioned patent application prior to submission of the application to assure the claimed invention was fully supported by the

Invention Disclosure in light of the Invention Disclosure and art known at the time of the disclosure.

5. I diligently worked with outside counsel to prepare and file the above-mentioned patent application.

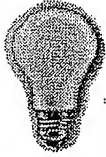
6. I make this Declaration to establish that my co-inventors and I conceived of the present invention at least as early as February 17, 2003, and exercised due diligence from that date to the date of filing for the above-identified patent application.

7. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified patent application or any patent issuing thereon.


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**Disclosure BOC8-2003-0033**

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***Title of disclosure (in English)**

A business process to provide airline customer service personnel with real time financial information to aid in determining how to process passenger rebookings

Summary

Status	Under Evaluation
Final Deadline	
Final Deadline Reason	
*Processing Location	Boca Raton
*Functional Area	select [REDACTED]
Attorney/Patent Professional	[REDACTED]
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*Owning Division	select [REDACTED]
Incentive Program	
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*Technology Code	[REDACTED]

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***Main Idea**

1. Background: What is the problem solved by your invention? Describe known solutions to this problem (if any). What are the drawbacks of such known solutions, or why is an additional solution required? Cite any relevant technical documents or references.

In the airline industry, there are times when a passenger misses a flight (blown connection or a canceled flight for example). When this happens the customer service reps attempt to reschedule the passenger. Today, when the CSRs are rescheduling the passenger, they do not have access to the financials of the passenger. This invention proposes a business process that would collect and display the required passenger related financial information

THIS INVENTION WAS CREATED ON 12/12/2002. An HTML based demo (static pages) was completed 1 week later

2. Summary of Invention: Briefly describe the core idea of your invention (saving the details for questions #3 below). Describe the advantage(s) of using your invention instead of the known solutions described above.

This invention proposes the creation of a business intelligence system which would have access to financial information presently found in many databases. In the event of a flight cancelation or missed connection, the system would, in real time, aggregate data from airline support systems and present a consolidated financial view to the CSR to use as input to the decision as to how to rebook the passenger. Information accessed would include (but not be limited to)

Remaining value of passenger ticket coupons
Value of passenger to airline

The goal is to minimize the loss to the airline due when passengers need to be reaccommodated

An example of the above problem is as follows:





AA flight 123 is late on arrival by 45 minutes causing 20 passengers to miss connections. There are spacing on AA flights to reaccommodate only 12 of the passengers. Which 8 should be bumped to other airlines? The airline should be interesting in keeping the passengers which high remaining ticket value (maybe there are passengers connecting to Europe in business class, the airline should want to keep those passengers). Also when a passenger is reaccommodated on another airline, the first airline pays a pre agreed price for the seat. The airline might not want to reaccommodate passengers traveling on super discount tickets as they will lose significant money on the interlining.

3. Description: Describe how your invention works, and how it could be implemented, using text, diagrams and flow charts as appropriate.

When a flight is delayed or canceled, a CSR would be notified of the event. (see figure directly below). As part of the display, the CSR would be notified of how many passengers where successfully rebooked and how many are outstanding "unprotected"

Departing Flights

Flight No.	Minutes Delayed	Status	Connections Impacted	Destination Airport
927	0	On Time	0	BNA
1812	0	On Time	0	MEM
123	0	CXL - Mech. Failure	47	EWR
1776	0	On Time	0	PHX

Flight # 123 Summary			  	
	1st Class	Coach		
Bookings	12	124		
Rebooked	10	110		
Unprotected		14		
Recheck Status				
Issued BP	6	112		
Outstanding 	6	12		

The CSR could then "drill down" to get details on the passengers that could not be reaccommodated and display information such as remaining coupon (ticket) value and the frequent flyer status (FF) and the passenger value as determined by the CRM system. (pax value) See diagram below

Protection	Passenger	Booking Status	Coupon Value	Final Dest	FF Status	Pax Value
Offline	Williams/A	Unbooked	\$450	EWB	Silver	Low
Offline	Burch/K	Unbooked	\$450	EWB	Gold	High
Online	Farnum/L	Unbooked	\$1800	LAX	Gold	High
Online	Charles/R	Unbooked	\$323	EWB	N/A	Low
Online	Smith/J	Unbooked	\$400	SEA	FF	Med
Online	Smith/R	Unbooked	\$650	EWB	Drnnd	High
Online	Jones/D	SelfServ Rebook	\$212	DEN	Platnm	High
Online	White/K	SelfServ Rebook	\$390	ORD	Gold	Med
Online	Black/F	SelfServ Rebook	\$400	MCO	Platnm	High
Online	Sloan/T	SelfServ Rebook	\$212	DEN	N/A	Low
Online	Tims/A	SelfServ Rebook	\$231	LAX	FF	Med

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* 1. ~~Scope the single most important thing in the world is your information technology list.~~
~~(a) ~~Software Services~~ ~~Application Software~~ ~~IT Transformation~~ ~~Cloud~~ ~~Security~~ ~~Compliance~~~~
~~and ~~any other significant markets where the invention is likely to have impact.~~~~

on security, the
travel and transportation industries

*2. Have you implemented the invention (e.g., made a prototype) or otherwise shown that it is workable?
☒ Yes ☐ No

*3. Has the subject matter of the invention or a product incorporating the invention been offered for sale, or is it likely to be offered for sale, as part of an IBM product or service?

- ☐ No known product plans within 2 years
☐ Available CA 1-2 years away
☐ Yes, CA within 3-12 months
☐ Yes, CA within 6 months
☒ Yes, product has been announced

What product?
The concepts in this invention are to be proposed to customers in the airlines business or building immediately. The plan is to build the solutions for customers and have IBM harvest the IP for reuse at other customers.

What is the significance of the invention within the product?

- ☐ Improves general usability
☐ Enables a minor feature
☒ Enables a major feature

What feature?

The major feature is in the creation of a solution.

*4. Has the invention been commercially used, internally or externally, by IBM or another entity (e.g., included in or used to make products or prototypes provided to a customer)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

*5. In what type of product might a competitor include the invention?

Travel and transportation industry specific applications

What competitor(s) (indicate home country of such competitors if not United States)?

ADS, BCO, BEA

*6. How easily can the use of the invention by a third party be detected?

- ☐ Undetectable, third party must admit use for IBM to know
☐ Difficult, e.g., with reverse engineering or examination of available code
☐ With work, e.g., using test cases, but not reverse engineering
☒ Easily, by running & viewing product operation
☐ Trivially, without purchase of product, e.g., by reading product literature

Please propose how a test would be performed and what test methods may be required.
Viewing the information available for rebooking passengers

*7. Is the invention applicable to a standard?

☒ Yes ☐ No

*8. Have you or any of the other inventors submitted this invention disclosure or a similar invention disclosure previously?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please provide the disclosure number, none assigned yet.

- **9.** Please list the information disclosures (previously submitted or about to be submitted), products, patents, or publications that you and the other inventor(s) feel are the most relevant to your invention (e.g., pertaining to the problem you are solving, including other solutions to the problem), be they from you or anyone else, or if not applicable, enter "None".
- none

- * 10.** Was the invention made in the course of any activity that involved any other party, be it:
- ☐ The government
 - ☐ A customer (such as an RFS)
 - ☐ A development partner
 - ☐ An alliance
 - ☐ Any contract activity
 - ☐ As part of a standards setting activity
 - ☐ Other persons not employed by IBM
- ☐ Yes ☒ No

- *11.** Have you ever disclosed your invention to anyone outside IBM, or do you plan to do so in the future?
- ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please tell us whether the disclosure was (or will be) made, how made (or to be made), and whether or not there was (or is) a confidential disclosure agreement (CDA) in place covering the disclosure.

Januar 17/03 under NDA using Static HTML versions to help the customer visualize what we are proposing

- *12.** If the invention relates to a product or service that is outside the scope of your business unit, please recommend IBM business unit(s), IBM location(s) or individual(s) within IBM that you think would provide competent evaluation of your invention.

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Post Disclosure Text & Drawings

Form Revised 09/01/02)

Searcher: Jim Kunkle

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• Search Request No: BOC8-03-0033 (Patentability)

• Search Request For: ~~Blanca Venturi~~

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EXHIBIT "B"

DESCRIPTION:

This invention proposes the creation of a business intelligence system which would have access to financial information presently found in many databases. In the event of a flight cancellation or missed connection, the system would, in real time, aggregate data from airline support systems and present a consolidated financial view to the CSR to use as input to the decision as to how to rebook the passenger. Information accessed would include (but not be limited to): Remaining value of passenger ticket coupons, Value of passenger to airline.

FIELD OF SEARCH

CLASS	SUBCLASSES
705	6, 8, 10, 13, 28

DATABASES

X	PLUSPAT	X	DOSS	X	TDBS
X	INSPEC		WPIL		JAPIO
	LITERATURE				

RELATED ART

PATENT NUMBER	PATENT NUMBER	PATENT NUMBER	IBM-TDB	LITERATURE

BACKGROUND ART

PATENT NUMBER	PATENT NUMBER	PATENT NUMBER	IBM TDB	LITERATURE
5270921 ✓	5832254 ✓			AN-5209425
6304850 ✓	5327499 ✓ - not relevant per inventor			AN-6200031 ✓
6360205 ✓	5255184 ✓			
6263315 ✓	4449186 ✓			
6134500 ✓	4788643 ✓			
6085169 ✓				

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How does each of the Related Art references correspond to the Search Feature? (Claims if Validity/Clearance)

What features does the Background Art provide:

Patent 5270921 – airline seat reservation system based on expected marginal seat revenue for control of bookings.

Publication AN-5209425 – an optimal control of airline overbooking which considers flight-time revenue. (See database printout)

Publication AN-6200031 – an airline overbooking problem in which fares, refunds and passenger demand for reservations and cancellations. (See database printout)

Patents 6304850, 6360205, 6263315, 6134500, 6085169, 5832254, 5327499, 5255184, 4449186, 4788643 -- these patents relate to other airline flight and booking controls which may be of general interest to LBOC8-03-0033, BOC8-03-0035, and BOC8-03-0036.

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What features were not found?

A financial information system for airline support for use in passenger rebook decisions which includes remaining value of tickets and passenger value as disclosed was not found in the prior art.

Comments:

Signature

J. R. Kunkle

Date returned to WAIP

4/14/03

EXHIBIT "C"

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Arnold H Bramnick

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08/01/2003

To: [REDACTED]
cc:
From: Arnold H Bramnick [REDACTED]
Subject: *IBM Confidential: BOC8-2003-0033

I have reviewed the search results and have the following comments:

5209425 & 6200031 & 5344823:

This discusses methods to deal with overbooking problems in an airline booking environment. Our invention does not deal with overbooking of passengers, rather the reaccommodation of passengers in the event of an Irregular Operation. Specifically our invention proposes the creation of a business intelligence system which would have access to financial information presently found in many databases. In the event of a flight cancelation or missed connection, the system would, in real time, aggregate data from airline support systems and present a consolidated financial view to the CSR to use as input to the decision as to how to rebook the passenger. Information accessed would include (but not be limited to) Remaining value of passenger ticket coupons, Value of passenger to airline. The goal is to minimize the loss to the airline due when passengers need to be reaccommodated.

Patent 5,270,921 and 5,255,184:

These patents propose solutions to yield management problems (pricing and management of airline seat inventory). Our invention does not deal with management and/or pricing of airline seat inventory, rather the reaccommodation of passengers in the event of an Irregular Operation on other flights.

Patent 6,304,850:

This patent proposes a method for purchasing an airline ticket. Our invention does not deal with the purchasing of an airline ticket, rather the reaccommodation of passengers on other flights in the event of an Irregular Operation.

Patent 6,360,205:

This patent suggests a method of aggregating reservation data from multiple suppliers and then presenting that data to the user in order to effect a sale of an airline seat. It could be viewed as a basis for GDS bypass solutions. Our invention does not deal with the purchasing of an airline ticket, rather the reaccommodation of passengers in the event of an Irregular Operation on other flights.

Patent 6,263,315:

This is a patent which proposes solutions to yield management problems (pricing and management of airline seat inventory). Our invention does not deal with management and/or pricing of airline seat inventory, rather the reaccommodation of passengers in the event of an Irregular Operation on other flights.

Patent 6,134,500:

This patent proposes a solution to flight plan optimization which deals with the optimal movement of aircraft in an airline fleet. Our invention does not deal with flight plans at all, rather the reaccommodation of passengers in the event of an Irregular Operation on other flights.

Patent 6,085,169:

This patent proposes a method of creating conditional purchase orders to effect a sale of an airline seat. Our invention does not deal with the purchase of an airline ticket, rather the reaccommodation of passengers in the event of an Irregular Operation on other flights.

Patent 5,832,254:

This patent suggests a method of synchronizing counters. I have no idea why this was returned as a search hit.

Patent 5,327,499:

This patent suggests a method of securing a hearing aid to an earring to prevent the loss of the hearing aid. I have no idea why this was returned as a search hit.

Patent 4,788,643:

This patent suggests a method of making cruise inventory available to airline reservations systems. This is in no way related to the reaccommodation of passengers in the event of an Irregular Operation on other flights.

Patent 4,449,186:

This patent suggests a method of making a vending machine that can sell airline tickets. This patent is likely the basis for all ticket kiosks today. This is in no way related to the reaccommodation of passengers in the event of an Irregular Operation on other flights.

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EXHIBIT "D"

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REF: Invention Disclosure: BOC8-2003-0033

Title: A business process to provide airline customer service personnel with real time
financial information to aid in determining how to process passenger rebookings
IBM Docket: BOC9-2003-0041

Dear Kevin,

Please prepare and file the above referenced case with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the invention disclosure, patentability search results and inventor's comments are enclosed for your use in preparation of the application in accordance with IBM's format.

~~IBM's more immediate interest in this invention were disclosed on January 7, 2002 and on January 7, 2003. Therefore, the prior art of January 7, 2004 applies.~~

Sincerely,

~~[Redacted Signature]~~

~~Richard A. Romlin~~

Enclosures

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RE: New U.S. Patent Application
BUSINESS PROCESS TO PROVIDE AIRLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE
PERSONNEL WITH REAL TIME FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO AID IN
DETERMINING HOW TO PROCESS PASSENGER REBOOKINGS
IBM Docket No. BOC9-2003-0041 Our Reference No.: 6169-411

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter dated May 7, 2003. In accordance with IBM standard protocol, a patent application will be prepared and filed in the above-referenced matter on or before October 26, 2003. We have noted the bar date of January 7, 2004. Notwithstanding, we will strive to prepare the patent application in an expedient manner.

As always, thank you for allowing us to be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

AKERMAN SENTERFITT

Kevin T. Cuenot

KTC/aa

EXHIBIT "F"

Alaine Allison - Draft Patent Application (BOC9-2003-0041; 6169-411)

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RE: Draft Patent Application for METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RE-ACCOMMODATING PASSENGERS
IBM Docket No. BOC9-2003-0041; Our Reference No. 6169-411

Dear Inventors:

Attached please find a draft of a patent application and associated drawings for your review in the above-identified matter. Please review the application carefully to ensure that the description of the invention accurately recites all of the invention's characteristics in the broadest possible manner, while also explaining, in detail, the preferred embodiment of the invention. The drawings should also be reviewed to confirm that they accurately depict the various details of the invention as you and your co-inventors understand them.

Importantly, please ensure that each inventor named on the cover sheet of the patent application has contributed to the conception of your invention as described in at least one of these claims. If, for some reason we have neglected to list an inventor who has contributed to the conception of subject matter described in a claim, please so advise us immediately.

Once you have reviewed the draft application, please forward your comments and/or any suggestions you may have.

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I've made the changes and re-pdf'd the drawings. Ready to go with formals.

>>> "Arnold H Bramnick" <[REDACTED]> 11/27/03 11:57AM >>>

Figure 2: Please remove the underline on flight 123

Also I am attaching some suggested changes Password remains unchanged

thanks!

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RE: Final Draft Patent Application for
METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RE-ACCOMMODATING PASSENGERS
IBM Docket No. BOC9-2003-0041; Our Docket No. 6169-411

Dear Inventors:

Enclosed please find for execution a final draft of the above-identified patent application, a REDLINED version of the patent application which reflects the requested revisions, Drawings, the Declaration and Power of Attorney, the Assignment, and the Oath and Assignment for the Republic of China.

After your review of the revised application, if the patent application accurately recites all of the invention's characteristics, If MS. FARNUM could please print out the formal documents, send them via overnight to [REDACTED] in Boca Raton, then she can have Mr. Bramnick and Mr. Burch sign and date where indicated. [REDACTED] will then fax the formal documents to our attention for filing.

Please keep in mind that we have been asked by the IP Law Department to file the referenced patent application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on or before December 15, 2003, and as such, would appreciate your prompt attention to this request.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Cuenot or myself should you have any questions or comments.

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EXHIBIT "G"

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Docket No.: BOC9-2003-0041 (411)

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RE-ACCOMMODATING PASSENGERS

the specification of which is attached hereto and identified by the Attorney Docket Number appearing above.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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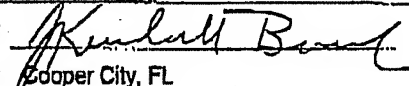
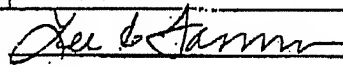
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